



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

FORT PECK TRIBE ASKS CONGRESS TO LOOK INTO IHS

BY ERIC NEWHOUSE, GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE 07/06/08

The Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board, which has declared a health care emergency for its reservation, has asked Congress to look into delivery of medical care by the Indian Health Service. "A congressional investigation is needed to specify and document the state of the reservation's health services," states a tribal resolution released last week.

FRIENDS, FAMILY HONOR BROWNING HOT SHOT

By MALLORY NELSON Great Falls Tribune 07/06/08

Michael MacDonald was known as a friend, a brother, a son and a teammate, but he will go down in history as a Blackfeet warrior who paid the ultimate price.

BLACKFEET TRIBE HOPES TO BRING CHANGE WITH MEDICINE WHEEL

BY KIM SKORNOGOSKI Great Falls Tribune 07/06/08

This week, the Blackfeet Tribe will lay the first stone of a medicine wheel monument — a healing symbol steeped in Native American history that tribal members hope will be a positive influence to help reduce alcohol-related vehicle crashes.

CREW REMEMBERS MACDONALD AS 'INSPIRING' FIREFIGHTER

By ERIC NEWHOUSE Great Falls Tribune /03/08

CUT BANK — Michael MacDonald, a 26-year-old Chief Mountain Hot Shots firefighter, returned to Montana in a wooden coffin aboard a Forest Service smokejumpers' plane Wednesday.



Members of the Chief Mountain Hot Shots fire crew carry the body of fallen comrade Michael MacDonald after arrival at the Cut Bank Airport on Wednesday. MacDonald died after two medical helicopters collided near Flagstaff, Ariz., on Sunday. (Courtesy Photo/ John Murray)

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS AND GRANTS AVAILABLE

Income eligible homeowners can make needed repairs

Char-Koosta News 07/03/08

KALISPELL — Summer is officially here, and it is prime time for those overdue home repairs. Homeowners on a limited income may be eligible for federal assistance from Rural Development to make critical repairs to your home.

TRIBES, STATE OF MONTANA AND U.S. CONTINUE TO WORK ON WATER COMPACT

By B.L. Azure Char-Koosta News 07/03/08



Chris Tweeten (right) of the Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission makes a point during negotiation talks with the CSKT. Flathead Agency Superintendent Chuck Courville, (left) and Dwayne Meekem of the BIA Portland Area Office represented the federal government. (B.L. Azure photo)

POLSON — Representatives from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the State of Montana and the federal government met last week at KwaTaqNuk Resort to continue negotiations on a water compact for the Flathead Indian Reservation.

CROW LEADERS SEE BIG POTENTIAL IN COAL POVERTY-STRICKEN TRIBE, NOW UNBOUND BY CHANGES IN LAW, PUSHES PROJECTS

By The AP, Billings Gazette 07/10/08

CROW AGENCY - They tried casinos on the Crow Indian reservation. The one designed to bring in the biggest crowds, Res-a-Vegas, went bust within a year and is now a fireworks stand.

CHANGING OF GUARD KICKS OFF INDIAN DAYS

BY TRAVIS COLEMAN Great Falls Tribune July 07/11/08

BROWNING — Surging gas prices won't stop Kevin Kicking Woman of Missoula from hitting the powwow

trail this year — but it will slow him down. Kicking Woman said he normally attends 12 powwows a year throughout the region. This year, his Jeep will only go to about two in Montana. "The closer to home, the better," said Kicking Woman, a coordinator of the 57th annual North American Indian Days this weekend in Browning, where he grew up.

Blackfeet Council Update:

Chairman: Willie Sharp
Vice Chairman: Peter "Rusty" Tatsey
Secretary: TJ Show

The newest members of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council are:

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| 1. Henry Butterfly | Browning District |
| 2. Peter Tatsey | Heart Butte District |
| 3. Reese "Reis" Fisher | Seville District |
| 4. Terry Joseph "TJ" Show | Old Agency District |

Current members include:

1. Roger "Sassy" Running Crane
2. Willie Sharp
3. Ronald "Smiley" Kittson
4. Rodney "Fish" Gervais
5. Paul McEvers

NEEDIEST STUDENTS SEE INCREASE IN FINANCIAL AID

By BETSY COHEN, The Missoulian 07/07/08

There's a bright spot in these uncertain economic times: As of July 1, Congress is providing the nation's neediest college students with more federal financial aid and greater access to federal loans than ever before.

ADDRESSING FINANCIAL LITERACY IN INDIAN COUNTRY

American Indian Report 07/08/08

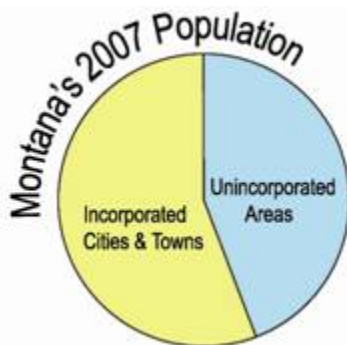
In the spring, tribal leaders convened in Washington, D.C., for the fourth year in a row to address the need for financial education in tribal communities. In this Q&A, Elsie Meeks,

chair of the Native Financial Education Coalition, talks about strategies discussed at the event, tactics to break the cycle of poverty and dependence in tribal communities.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU:

Today, July 10th, 2008, the U.S. Census Bureau released the population estimates for incorporated cities and towns in Montana. To view the 2007 numbers, visit CEIC's Place (City/Town) Population Estimates web page at <http://ceic.mt.gov/EstimatesPlacePop.asp>. On this page are files which include all 129 incorporated cities and towns in alphabetical order (including rank and percent change) and a list of places sorted within each county. Also included is an Excel spreadsheet with the incorporated and unincorporated portions of each county from 1970 to 2007 and a data map showing population for the incorporated and unincorporated portions of each county for 2007.

Geographic Area	Census					Estimate	% Change		
	4/1/70	4/1/80	4/1/90	4/1/00	7/1/07		1970-2000	1970-2007	2000-2007
MONTANA	694,409	786,690	799,065	902,195	957,861		29.9	37.9	6.2
Incorporated	404,674	437,276	443,752	484,384	535,615		19.7	32.4	10.6
Unincorporated	289,671	349,417	355,333	417,811	422,246		44.2	45.8	1.1



These estimates are produced using housing unit estimates to distribute the county population to subcounty areas within the county. Housing unit estimates use building permits, estimates of construction where no building permits are reported, mobile home shipments and estimates of housing unit loss to update housing unit change since Census 2000. For more information on Methodology, visit the U.S. Census Bureau's web site at

http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2007_su_meth.html.

JOB VACANCIES:

RIGHT OF WAY APPRAISAL REVIEW - LEAD WORKER

#60086, Department of Transportation, \$52,982 Annually - The position of Right of Way Appraisal Review – Lead Worker serves as a field authority in conducting property appraisals to arrive at fair compensation for Department property acquisitions. This includes all standard and specialized property appraisal and negotiation types. The position covers the appraisal aspects of right-of-way acquisition as well as other right-of-way responsibilities involved in the various preconstruction, construction, and post-construction phases of highway projects. Review project plans and appraisals for consistency and errors prior to acquisition leading to significant cost savings, minimizing condemnations actions and project delays. The position approves Just Compensation due landowners. The incumbent also coordinates various operational functions of the Section and performs as a lead worker over other MDT staff and consultant staff responsible for the appraisal process on assigned projects. For more information and to apply, please see us at www.mdt.mt.gov.

CLIENT TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT MANAGER, The University of Montana, Adams Center, Missoula. UM's Adam Center is searching for a customer-service oriented Client Technology Support Manager. HS diploma and min. 3+ yrs exp in box office ticketing and event management technology or relevant field is required. Salaried position w/ full benefits package; \$28,000/yr. - \$32,000/yr., depending on qualifications, Open Until Filled, screening begins 7/28. For full position description & application instructions visit www.umt.edu/jobs (406) 243-6760. AA/EOE/ADA/Veteran's Preference Employer

MULTIFAMILY PROGRAM MANAGER, Position # 66405, PB 7Board of Housing. Click on the website below for the vacancy announcement and if you have questions please give HR a call or write. **SOFTWARE DEVELOPER**, The University of Montana, National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis. Full-time professional position to design, implement, test and deploy GIS software and applications. Experience in all programming languages; object-oriented design and development principles; client/server based application development; GIS analysis; ArcObjects programming; relational databases; spatial models; and scenario building and modeling. Send letter of application and resume by July 21, 2008 to: Software Developer Recruitment, National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis, CHCB 441, Missoula MT 59812. Full position description available at www.umt.edu/jobs. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference

Service Combination A #54166915. Montana Department of Transportation | Band: BC7 - \$16.77 Hourly | Bozeman | Closes July 14, 2008 Are you mechanically inclined? This is the job for you. You'll be responsible for a fleet of vehicles to make sure they run as efficiently and effectively as possible. Replace belts, hoses, batteries, filters and other parts. Receive stocks and pick up and deliver parts. For more information and to apply, please see us at www.mdt.mt.gov

Monday, July 14, 2008

Fort Belknap College is seeking two full-time science instructors for fall 2008.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (full-time, 12+ credits) to include botany, general biology, geology, hydrology, soil science-will include academic advising, curriculum review and revision. Masters degree required in discipline.

BIOLOGIST (full-time, 12+ credits) to include Anatomy & Physiology, Cell Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry. Facilitate undergraduate research projects-will include academic advising, curriculum review and revision. Masters degree required in discipline.

To apply send a Letter of Application, current resume, current transcripts that indicate degree, 3 current letters of recommendation to Fort Belknap College, Michele Lewis, Executive Assistant, PO Box 159, Harlem MT 59526. For more details call 406-353-2607 or email mlewis@mail.fbcc.edu OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

SYSTEMS ANALYST, POSITION #61166763, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$45,230 to \$56,538 DOQ. This position provides functional and technical support for the State's PeopleSoft Human Resource Management System (HRMS) databases and software modules. Application deadline: Monday July 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=345

EVENTS/TRAINING:

ON EAGLES' WINGS SET TO LAND IN OUR COMMUNITY

PABLO — The nationally known On Eagles' Wings team will be here from July 16 to 18, to provide its Summer of Hope 2008 events at the Two Eagle River School starting at 7 p.m. each evening.

AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE TOURISM ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Coeur d'Alene & Worley Idaho
Sept. 29-October 1, 2008.

Here's the conference website link:

http://www.aianta.org/?page_id=70&parent_page_id=62

6th Annual Native American Procurement Conference (NAPC)

Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell, Montana
September 9-10, 2008

The American Indian Procurement Technical Assistance Center of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development will be hosting a national conference bringing small business communities together to encourage partnership/teaming relationships and increase competitiveness and opportunities in contracting.

Business seeking partnerships with diverse suppliers – including Native American firms, women-owned firms, 8a firms, SDB firms, HubZone firms, Veteran Owned/Service Disabled Veteran firms and all other small businesses looking to grow are welcome to participate.

The event provides Indian Suppliers the opportunities to come and meet one-on-one with federal, state, and corporate contracting officers or buyers. Through this event, there are many opportunities for suppliers to share information about their company and to gain exposure to government agencies and prime contractors. The conference also provides general sessions and various

government contracting workshops on the processes, federal updates, and contracting specifics.

For hotel reservations call toll free 1-877-STAY-HGI...ASK FOR **NATIVE AMERICAN PROCUREMENT** - GROUP CODE: **NAP**, or go on-line and make reservations at www.kalispell.stayhgi.com (GROUP CODE: **NAP**). The conference rate is \$78.00 (double/single). Cut off date for hotel reservation is August 29, 2008.

For more information regarding this upcoming event, please contact Lou Thompson at 406-758-1360 or Shannon Whiteman at 406-758-1361. For more information on government contracting training and annual procurement conference contact Lori Sneezy at 480-545-1298 ext.225 or email venessa.gleich@ncaied.org. Continue to visit our web site at www.ncaied.org for registration, tentative agenda, sponsorship opportunities, and other conference details.

FCC TO HOST WORKSHOP FOR TRIBES ON DTV TRANSITION

The Federal Communications Commission will host a roundtable and workshop July 16-17 in Salt Lake City as part of the Indian Telecommunications Initiatives initiative. Federal officials will discuss the digital television (DTV) transition and telecommunications development in Indian Country. Details of the meeting are available [here](#).

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

AARP FOUNDATION WOMEN'S 2008 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Helping Women 40+ Discover New Lives and New Futures

At the close of the first round 74 low-income women 40+ were awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 totaling \$250,000. As a result of aggressive fund raising by the AARP Foundation Women's Leadership Circle cabinet and with the help of a partnership with AARP Foundation WorkSearch, nearly 175 *additional* women have received assistance towards achieving their educational goals.

The program is open to women 40+ whose income is within 150% of poverty. Priority is given to women who are raising the children of another family member, those in dead end jobs and those who have been out of the paid workforce for five or more years. The program does not offer scholarships for graduate degrees. It seeks primarily to assist women who are in the final stages of their college or trade program. A fact sheet on the scholarship is attached. The program is funded by AARP, AARP Foundation with generous support from Bank of America and the Women's Leadership Circle cabinet

FISH, WILDLIFE & PARK GRANT PROGRAMS

RECREATIONAL GRANTS

The FWP administers five separate outdoor recreation grant programs to fill a multitude of recreational needs. The key word in whether there is a chance for funding is "OUTDOOR." None of these programs, with certain technical exceptions such as comfort stations and maintenance sheds, fund indoor recreational facilities. Please check program details carefully.

Grant sponsors needing assistance with any aspect of a grant application should not hesitate to call for help. We are here to answer your questions and to give you advice on

how to make your grant application more competitive. See specific grant programs for contact information.

Land & Water Conservation Fund—The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal grants program for outdoor recreation. Those eligible for grants are political subdivisions of the state and sovereign Indian Nations (incorporated cities or towns, counties, school districts, state agencies, and tribal governments). Examples of eligible projects include ball fields, open space acquisitions, public parks, outdoor swimming pools, playgrounds, picnic facilities, and walking trails.

Recreational Trails Program—The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal grants program for trails. Grants are available to federal, state, and county agencies, sovereign Indian nations, private associations and clubs, but not individuals. Examples of eligible projects include urban trail development near homes and work places, basic front- and backcountry-trail maintenance, restoration of areas damaged by trail use, development of trailside facilities, educational, and safety projects related to trails.

OTHER FW&P GRANTS:

[Tribal Wildlife Grants](#)
[Sport Fish Restoration Program](#)
[State Wildlife Grants](#)

For more information about these grants, contact:
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Helena MT 59620-0701
406.444.3186 phone
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<http://fwp.mt.gov>

[NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR HUMANITIES PRESERVATION AND ACCESS: HUMANITIES COLLECTIONS AND RESOURCES](#)

Humanities Collections and Resources combines support for activities that were funded previously through two separate grant categories: Grants to Preserve and Create Access to Humanities Collections and Reference Materials Grants. The program also provides support for activities funded previously through the Division's Research and Development category.

[INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING GRANT \(DPHHS\)](#)

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Nursing, Office of Public Health Nursing (PHN) announces a new competitive grant applications for community based model of PHN case management services. This program is authorized under the Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. 13; Section 301(a), Public Health Service Act, as amended; and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) 25 U.S.C. 1652. This program is described at 93.933 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). The purpose of the program is to improve health outcomes of high risk patients through a community case management model that utilizes the PHN as case manager.

OJJDP ANNOUNCES TRIBAL SOLICITATIONS

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) has announced the following FY 2008 tribal-related solicitations.

- OJJDP's [Tribal Youth Program](#), supports and enhances tribal efforts to prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian/Alaska Native youth. Eligible applicants are limited to federally recognized tribes.
- [Mentoring Programs for At-Risk Tribal Youth](#) invites applicants to propose the continuation, expansion, or enhancement of initiatives that will assist in the development of community programs to provide mentoring services to underserved populations. Applicants are limited to national tribal organizations and national organizations, including community, secular, and faith-based nonprofit organizations.

The application deadline for each of these solicitations is August 4, 2008, and applicants should register with [Grants.gov](#) as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting their applications by the deadline.

Resources:

For additional information about the above OJJDP solicitations, visit
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp>.

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) is a component of the [Office of Justice Programs](#) in the [U.S. Department of Justice](#).